Information about your visit

Baillie Gifford Schools Programme

We're delighted that you're able to join us at this year's Book Festival. There's so much to see and do once you arrive, so read on to find out what to expect.

Our Site

All schools events take place at our Festival home in central Edinburgh at:

Edinburgh College of Art, 74 Lauriston Place, Edinburgh, EH3 9DF



Arriving at the Book Festival

Please plan to arrive around 20 minutes before your event is due to start.

All schools events last 45 minutes and are followed by a book signing in our Signing Tent.

If travelling by coach, please ensure your driver is aware of the designated schools parking on Lady Lawson Street (see map and instructions above.)

A Road Crossing Assistant will be available to help your group across the road.

There are two entrances to our site, at 74 Lauriston Place, and round the corner on Lady Lawson Street.

When you arrive onsite at the ECA Courtyard please report to our Schools Check-In Point at the entrance to the Edinburgh College of Art Main Building. You will be greeted by our Front of House

team who will direct you to your venue. They will also give you your free books for the pupils in your group.

Eating and Drinking

You are welcome to bring your own packed lunches and have a picnic in the courtyard at ECA. There are grassy areas as well as covered seating. We also have a café onsite which sells meals, snacks and drinks.